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SUBJ INCREASE REQUEST SUVA ALLOTMENT 4312

REF A. WELLINGTON 993

B. STATE 82123

C. SUVAS A-41 OF APRIL 22, 1974

FOR EA/EX ONLY

BUDGET SPECIALIST FROM EMBASSY WELLINGTON (INSUVA THIS WEEK TO ASSIST PREPARATION FY 1975-76 BUDGET) HAS CHECKED ESTIMATES THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974 AND DETERMINES ADDITIONAL US DOLS 4000 URGENTLY REQUIRED BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS: A. CABLE COSTS: CABLE AND WIRELESS ACCOUNTS ARE SUBMITTED ALMOST TWO MONTHS AFTER SERVICE. AT TIME ESTIMATE (REF A) MADE ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH JANUARY. EMBASSY NOW HAS RECEIVED ACCOUNTS FOR CABLE TRAFFIC TO APRIL. CABLE TRAFFIC IN FY 74 INCREASED BY AVERAGE OF SIXTEEN CABLES PER WEEK OVER FY 73. INCREASED CAN BE ATTRIBUTED LARGELY TO INCREASED TRAFFIC TO DEPT OF COMMERCE. AVERAGE COST THESE USDOC CABLES US DOLS 27 EACH. OTHER TRAFFIC INCREASES DUE TO UNPLANNED CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS THIS JUNE AND TO VISIT FOR ACCREDITATION TO FIJI AND TONGA BY AMBASSADOR SELDEN. ESTIMATED NEED THROUGH FY 74 US DOLS 2900. B. LOCAL SALARIES FOR FSLs. THESE PLUS NEW EMPLOYEE WHO ENTERS ON DUTY MAY 27 PLUS NEW EMPLOYEE WHO ENTERS ON DUTY MAY 27 PLUS 12 PERCENT WAGE SCALE INCREASE (REF C) EFFECTIVE MAY 26 TOTAL US DOLS 800. C. TEMPORARY LODGING, RENT AND UTILITIES: FOURTH OFFICER ARRIVED SUVA MIDFEBRUARY WAS UNABLE TO FIND SUITABLE HOUSING AT REASONABLE RENT UNTIL MID MAY (SUVA SUFFERS UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM CHRONIC HOUSING SHORTAGE AND SOARING RENTS). THIS

MEANT INCREASE OF US DOLS 300 OVER ORIGINAL ESTIMATE. WOULD
APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY DUE TO BUDGET SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS.
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